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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: US-PNG NEGOTIATIONS

REF: PORT MORESBY 0705

1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S INITIAL EFFORTS IN CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS AND LOOKS FORWARD TO REVIEWING MINUTES.
 2. RE QUESTION OF TARIFFS (ARTICLE 12), WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WHAT PNG MEANS WHEN IT SAYS IT PREFERS TO CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS TO FIX SPECIFIC TARIFFS. USG VIEW, WHICH IS REFLECTED IN ARTICLE 12, IS THAT EACH AIRLINE SHOULD INDIVIDUALLY DETERMINE TARIFFS IT WISHES TO CHARGE AND THAT GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BECOME INVOLVED ONLY IF ONE OF THEM OBJECTS TO THE PROPOSED TARIFF. USG DOES
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NOT CONSIDER IT IS NECESSARY FOR TARIFFS TO BE NEGOTIATED THROUGH IATA. ACTUAL PROCEDURE IS THAT PNG AIRLINE WOULD FILE ITS PASSENGER TARIFFS WITH CAB IN ADVANCE. IF CAB HAS NO OBJECTION TO TARIFF, IT COMES INTO EFFECT AUTOMATICALLY. IF THERE IS OBJECTION, PROCEDURES OF PARAGRAPHS E-G OF ARTICLE 12 COME INTO EFFECT.

3. IN REGARD TO ROUTES, USG WILL STUDY PNG PROPOSAL AND REQUEST US AIRLINE VIEWS. US ROUTE INTERESTS STILL HAVE NOT BEEN ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, FIRST IMPRESSION OF PNG PROPOSAL IS THAT IT CLEARLY FAVORS AIR NIUGINI.

4. PROCEDURES NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FULL RESPONSE FROM ALL INTERESTED PARTIES REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE TIME, THEREFORE, EMBASSY SHOULD CAUTION GPNG NOT TO EXPECT AN EARLY REPLY. VANCE

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